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**Security Committee**

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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FROM:

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SECOM Staff

SUBJECT: Uniform Secrecy Agreement

1. At the 10 December 1979 meeting of the working group on secrecy agreements, we considered a draft variation on the proposed strawman I had earlier offered. Attached for your consideration is a new strawman incorporating language on the government's authority to revoke access based on adverse data reflecting on a subject or <sup>2</sup>for any reason, adding language indicating awareness of rules and regulations on handling and storing SCI, and making various editorial changes.

2. I request that you be prepared to discuss the attached version at our next working group meeting, with a view towards agreement on a draft for submission to the Compartmentation Subcommittee.

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Attachment

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SECURITY AGREEMENT  
SENSITIVE COMPARTMENTED INFORMATION

1. I, (print full name) \_\_\_\_\_, by signing this agreement acknowledge that I have been told about and given access to certain classified information and intelligence sources and methods which was explained to me to be "Sensitive Compartmented Information" and which is known by the term(s) \_\_\_\_\_. At other places in this agreement, this information is called <sup>this</sup> "Sensitive Compartmented Information."

2. I have been told that if this Sensitive Compartmented Information becomes known to people who are not permitted by the United States Government to have it, this could cause serious harm to the United States of America.

3. I have been told about the steps I must take to handle and store this Sensitive Compartmented Information. I have also been told how to find out which people I can show or talk to about this Sensitive Compartmented Information.

4. In return for being given access to this Sensitive Compartmented Information, I agree that I will never reveal this information, in any way, to any person who is not permitted by the United States Government to have it.

5. I also agree to submit for review by the United Government, any information concerning intelligence subjects or activities which I want to publish or speak about. I agree to let the government review this information before I talk about it or show it to anyone who is not permitted to have this Sensitive Compartmented Information. I will not publish or speak about the information until I get written permission from the government to do so. I understand that the reason for the government's review of this information which I want to publish or speak about is to be sure that it does not contain any of this Sensitive Compartmented Information.

6. If I threaten to reveal this Sensitive Compartmented Information without permission, I understand and agree that the United States Government can ask for the assistance of the courts to keep me from doing so.

7. I understand that if I reveal this Sensitive Compartmented Information to anyone who is not permitted to have it, I may no longer be permitted to have access to the information myself and I may be required to return any of the information which I have. I also understand that if I do anything or behave in a way which shows that I might not be willing or able to protect Sensitive Compartmented Information, the government may take away my access to it and require me to return any of the information which I then have. I have been told that the

government may take away my access at any time it judges such action to be in the best interest of national security. I have also been told the government may do this without giving me notice or holding a hearing.

8. Also, I understand that if I reveal this Sensitive Compartmented Information to people who are not permitted to have it this might violate the civil and criminal laws of the United States. I understand that a violation of civil law might cause me to have to pay the cost of any damage which resulted from my action. I understand that a violation of criminal law could result in my being fined or imprisoned or perhaps both.

9. If the United States Government sues me because I may have violated the civil laws, I agree that the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia shall apply in interpreting this agreement. I understand that if the United States Government sues me for this reason, it can do so in several different court locations in the United States. I also understand that I may have to pay the court costs and lawyer's fees which the Government had to spend in suing me, if I lose the case.

10. If I reveal this Sensitive Compartmented Information without the permission of the United States Government, I assign to the United States Government any money or other thing of value which I receive or have already received for doing so, or any right to receive such money or thing of value.

11. I understand that this Sensitive Compartmented Information is now and will always be the property of the United States Government. I agree that I will return all of this information which I have or which I am responsible for when I am asked for it by an authorized representative of the United States Government. I understand that if I do not return it when I am asked, this too may be a violation of United States criminal law for which I can be punished.

12. Unless I am given written permission to do differently by an authorized representative of the United States Government, I understand that the conditions in this agreement will apply to me during the rest of my life.

13. Nothing said in this agreement means that the United States Government will give up any right it has to prosecute me if I violate the laws of the United States. Also, nothing said in this agreement means that I give up any basis for defending myself if the United States Government tries to prosecute me for violating the laws of the United States.

14. Each of the numbered paragraphs in this agreement stands by itself. If a court decides that any of these paragraphs do not apply to me, the rest of the paragraphs will still apply.

15. I have read this agreement and I understand it. I have asked any questions which I have about this agreement,

the laws which may apply to violation of it, and the rules and regulations which govern the handling and storage of the Sensitive Compartmented Information, and my questions have been answered in a way that I understand.

16. I am making this agreement in good faith, and I intend to live up to it.

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Signature

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DATE

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SS NUMBER